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C O N F I D E N T I A L NICOSIA 2345

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CEASEFIRE EFFORTS

1. UK HICOMER OLIVER AND I BELIEVE THAT EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE BOTH ON THE ISLAND AND IN CAPITALS TO PUSH FOR CEASEFIRE/ STANDSTILL AGREEMENT COVERING NICOSIA URBAN AREA.

2. FIRING HAS CONTINUED AT VARYING LEVELS OF INTENSITY SINCE 5:00 A.M. AND PILLARS OF SMOKE ARISING ON THREE SIDES OF URBAN AREA AND ALONG GREEN LINE ATTEST TO INCREASING DESTRUCTION AND PROBABLY LOSS OF CIVILIAN LIFE ON BOTH SIDES. SOME MORTAR SHELLS LANDED IN HEAVILY POPULATED AREAS ON BOTH SIDES GREEN LINE AND TURK EFFORTS TO TAKE OUT ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONS BY AIR ATTACKS HAVE ENDANGERED HILTON HOTEL WHICH IS CROWDED NOW WITH REFUGEES.

3. I SPOKE WITH ACTING PRESIDENT XANTHOS CLERIDES AT 1515
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AND HE PLEDGED FULL COOPERATION IN EFFORTS TO TRY TO BRING

ABOUT NICOSIA CEASEFIRE. I URGE DEPT WEIGH IN WITH ATHENS
AND ANKARA TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH UN EFFORTS ESTABLISH
LIMITED CEASEFIRE IN NICOSIA AREA.

4. I SPOKE WITH PREM CHAND AT 1520 WHO NOTES THAT HE HAS
BEEN MAKING STRENUOUS EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT SUCH A CEASEFIRE.
PRINCIPAL FAULT LIES WITH GREEK NATIONAL GUARD WHICH DESPITE
ASSURANCES CONTINUES TO FIRE ARTILLERY AND OTHER WEAPONS INTO
TURK AREAS. UNFICYP HAS NOW TAKEN 17 CASUALTIES FROM TURK
COUNTERFIRE AND ITS HOSPITAL IS AFIRE. CLERIDES TELLS ME HIS
COMMUNICATIONS WITH ATHENS ARE OUT. I URGE THAT EMBASSY ATHENS
BE AUTHORIZED TO GET GREEK ASSURANCES NG WILL OBSERVE CEASE-
FIRE IF IT CAN BE SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATED WITH TURKS. CLERIDES
BELIEVES ATHENS IN RADIO COMMUNICATION WITH NATIONAL GUARD.
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